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The Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, is an institution of higher learning dedicated to the enlisted members of the United States Air Force. The college is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate in applied science degree.



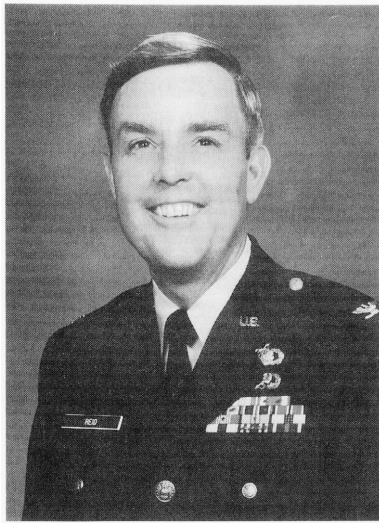
Message from the Commander of Air Education and Training Command

My hat's off to the men and women of the Community College of the Air Force system on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. For the past quarter-century, they have provided outstanding educational opportunities for enlisted members of the armed forces. These programs aid recruitment of high-caliber personnel, improve the retention of career personnel, and enhance the mission readiness of the Air Force through high-quality education and training programs.

A former Commander of Air Training Command, the late Gen George B. Simler, strongly believed the enlisted members of the Air Force needed improved educational programs to meet future technological and leadership challenges. His vision of a community college serving the career needs of enlisted members became a reality in 1972 and has positively impacted the lives of thousands of military members ever since. The 140,000 degrees earned by enlisted personnel in the last quarter century are an enviable legacy of General Simler's work.

I urge you to make the most of your opportunity to earn a college degree. The educational experiences on your journey will improve your communication skills, broaden your academic background, hone your technical skills, and prepare you for more advanced leadership roles. In addition, completion of a Community College of the Air Force associate degree will put you on a path to successful lifelong learning and better prepare you for life after the service. This is simply an opportunity you must not pass up.

BILLY J. BOLES
General, USAF
Commander



Message from the CCAF Commander/ President

This edition of the catalog commemorates the 25th year the Community College of the Air Force has provided a valuable service to the members of the armed forces and to the nation. We've come a long way in the last quarter century, evolving from a certificate-awarding institution in 1972 to the largest community college in the world. We will be awarding our 150,000th associate in applied science degree in 1995, and we recently provided a degree opportunity to enlisted members of other armed services teaching in CCAF affiliated schools.

What have we accomplished? Our pioneering work in nontraditional education has afforded thousands of military members the opportunity to earn a college degree, an opportunity they might not otherwise have had because of the demands of military life.

The college is a major incentive for continued educational growth among our students. During the past 15 years, Air Force members earned more than half the bachelor's degrees awarded to members of the entire armed forces! Why did airmen achieve more educational goals? The answer is the encouragement CCAF programs gives enlisted members. Being successful in CCAF courses and earning a CCAF degree has convinced our students they can be successful in any educational environment.

Civilian colleges and universities also have benefited from the college over the past 25 years. On the average, our students have taken many more classes from civilian colleges and universities than their counterparts in the other services. Why? Partly to fulfill CCAF degree requirements and partly because earning a CCAF degree is often a catalyst to lifelong learning.

One of the major contributions the college makes to the nation is through mission readiness. Our recent research indicates CCAF graduates and those working toward a CCAF degree tend to be promoted faster and tend to achieve their craftsman skill level significantly earlier than those Air Force members who do not participate in our programs. Faster promotion and skill upgrade times mean we have fully qualified personnel earlier, and that means enhanced readiness for the Air Force.

What does this mean to the individual Air Force enlisted member? It means while you have been working hard and serving your country, you have earned college credit. All you have to do is earn the rest of the credits for your CCAF degree program through voluntary off-duty education programs. We encourage you to make the most of this opportunity!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Paul A. Reid". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "P" and "R".

PAUL A. REID, Colonel, USAF
Commander/President